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1. The information bulletin of the East German Meteorological and Hydrological Service, Annual Publication # 1 - August/September 1952, Volumes 2 and 3 contains the following articles:

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2. A brief summary of the above mentioned articles follows:

(a) Meteorological Conference in Zurich.

At the present time, Germany, including both West Germany and East Germany, is not a member of the World Meteorological Organization. Insofar as the Western occupation powers are concerned this situation is considered important and the West German Delegation at the World Meteorological Organization conference, held between May 26 and June 8, 1953, was accompanied by members of the Allied Meteorological Board. The Meteorological section of the SKK has for a long time allowed the DDR Meteorological and Hydrological Service considerable independence in matters of this type and only through the rather strenuous effort on the part of the Soviet Delegation were Drs. Phillips and Ortmeyer invited to the meeting. The principal item discussed at the meeting was a Western Nations proposal to establish a meteorological broadcast center at Frankfurt/Main. This proposal was strongly opposed by the People's Republic under the leadership of the Soviet delegation.

(b) "Organization of a staff for the guidance of the Meteorological and Hydrological Service", by Dr. Phillips.

It was decided at a meeting of the Council of the Ministry of Interior in July 1952 to establish a council to direct the work of the Meteorological and Hydrological Service. The council was finally established on 1 September 1952 with the following membership:

Prof. Dr. König  
Met. Lüge  
Dr. Ortmeyer  
Dipl. Met. Schubert  
Sörgel  
Schnalla  
Tripphahn  
Krzossa  
Grossmann

(c) "The meteorological and hydrological station, Feldberg/Mecklenburg", Reinhard Barby.

Activities at this busy station are recounted. The author demonstrates the popularity of these mountain stations with a compilation of the number of visitors during the year.

(d) "Experiences with Hygrographs", Reinhard Barby.

The author compares the hygrograph with the aspiration psychrometer as an instrument for measuring relative humidity and finds the hygrograph to be in error for high values of relative humidity. He requests the comments of others interested in humidity problems.

(e) "Why a Meteorological and Hydrological Service?", Dipl. Met. Schubert.

The pros and cons of a combined Hydrological and Meteorological Service are discussed in inconclusive terms.

(f) "Our participation in Cultural Activities", Johannes Augermann

The cooperation of the MHD with the Kulturbund, the JP, and the FDJ is described.

(g) "Use of Punctuation in the Recording of Meteorological Observations", Edmund Lippe.

A plan is presented, which if adopted, would presumably simplify and clarify the recording of meteorological observations.

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- (h) "Observation of a Small Waterspout on the Arendsee", Wiedrich

A report of a small water spout of about 5 minutes duration.

- (i) "Obligations"

Ways in which personnel can bring about even greater economies by servicing their own equipment and thereby further the cause of socialism in East Germany are pointed out.

- (j) "Preparations for the Organization of a Science Union", Dipl. Met. Rudolph Ziemann

The necessity for organizing the scientists in the socialization of East Germany is pointed out. The Soviet Union is stated to be greatly interested in having such an organization in the East German Meteorological and Hydrological Service.

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